

a pulsating excitement of the presence of God for people of diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

Archbishop McKinley over the past 44 years has guided Elim's extraordinary growth and development, moving the church from its Chauncey Street location first to 1810 Fulton Street, then to 515 Classon Avenue, and finally to its larger, magnificent home on 20 Madison Street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Archbishop McKinley has succeeded in creating a vibrant home for thousands of men, women, boys, girls, and teenagers seeking a sincere, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The church has launched many powerful ministries that bring the Bible to life and inspire each individual to develop his or her spiritual potential.

Archbishop McKinley is also an accomplished, celebrated preacher and a master teacher. His message of hope, deliverance, prosperity, and nationhood is broadcasted live to thousands of listeners worldwide every Sunday morning.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley, Jr. for 50 years of outstanding service to our community as a member of the ministry.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 31

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Boy Scout Troop 31 for celebrating their 90th anniversary. The troop will celebrate this milestone on October 25 in Flint, Michigan.

In 1909, William D. Boyce of Chicago was visiting London and became lost in a dense

fog. A Boy Scout helped him to safety. When he offered a tip to the youngster, the young man responded that a Boy Scout could not take a tip for doing a good deed. William Boyce was so impressed with the child that he sought out Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, to learn about the organization. From that meeting the Boy Scouts of America was born. The concept of boys coming together to learn life skills spread across the United States and in 1918 Troop 31 was founded by Charles P. Coates at Court Street United Methodist Church.

Troop 31 is the fifth oldest troop in Michigan and 1 of 250 troops across the Nation that have been in existence for 90 or more years. Charles Coates was the first Scoutmaster leading the troop for the duration of World War I. During this time the Scouts served as messengers for the War Board, sold Liberty Loan Bonds, and collected War Savings stamps. C.S. Mott was mayor of Flint and his son, Harding C.S. Mott, was one of the first members.

Over the years, Troop 31 has been blessed with outstanding Scoutmasters and leaders. Norman A.J. Asselstine, known as "Mr. A" served the troop for over 40 years and Robert Bigler, known as "Mr. B" served for 50 years. Robert Bigler was the oldest and longest registered member of the Tall Pine Council when he passed away in 2004. Over 1,000 boys have belonged to Troop 31 over the past 90 years and over 60 Scouts have reached the rank of Eagle Scout.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Scouts, Scout alumni, parents, leaders, and Scoutmasters of Boy Scout Troop 31. For the past 90 years, young men have gathered at Court Street United Methodist Church and pledged in the Scout Oath, "On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." These words combined with the example of their leaders have guided the Scouts of Troop 31 as they matured into

men. I pray Troop 31 will carry on this legacy for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN FOSTER—RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 WEST REGION GREAT COMEBACKS AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Foster on receiving this year's West Region Great Comebacks Award. This award recognizes the remarkable way in which Susan was able to overcome the physical and emotional challenges of having ulcerative colitis, a form of Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

Susan has suffered from this disease for 15 years before having a life-changing permanent ileostomy. Since then, Susan has dedicated herself to staying physically active and traveling, making it a priority to not allow her disease to control her life. She has also worked to actively reach out to others with IBD through her time with the United Ostomy Associations of America visiting patients who undergo ostomy surgery.

The Great Comebacks has been advocating for and inspiring those around the world living with IBD for the past 24 years. They have made it their mission to not only raise awareness for the difficulties that come with having IBD, but to also remove the stigma attached to having ostomy surgery. Organizations like the Great Comebacks support IBD patients and help them lead full lives in spite of the adversities they face.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Susan Foster for her energetic effort in supporting those with IBD, and her continued service to the community.